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Mary Evelyn Parker to be Commencement Speaker



MARCIE FOWLER, left, freshman primary education major from Natchitoches, has been selected as Northwestern's Lady of the Bracelet, the school's top beauty honor. Runners-up were, from left, Candy Faust, Eunice, first; Linda Craft, Leesville, second; Susan Murrell, Port Sulphur, third, and Jane Holland, Many, fourth. Miss Fowler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Fowler. Dr. Fowler is director of Northwestern's Laboratory School.

State Leader is Alumnus of NSC

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Parker, former commissioner of the state's Division of Administration, will be featured speaker at Northwestern's fall commencement exercises.

Two-hundred and sixty-nine students are candidates for degrees at the commencement exercises, which will be held Jan. 25 in Prather Coliseum at 8 p.m.

A candidate for state treasurer in the Feb. 6, general election, Mrs. Parker was unopposed for the Democratic nomination in the Nov. 4 primary election.

Mrs. Parker, who was appointed commissioner of the Division of Administration by Gov. John McKeithen in 1964, resigned from the position to seek the treasurer's post which will be left vacant by the retirement of A. P. Tugwell.

Since 1948, Mrs. Parker has held two other major state posts. She was named director of the Department of Commerce and Industry by Gov. Earl K. Long in 1948 and served in that capacity until 1952.

She served as commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare from 1956 until 1963, during the terms of Long and Gov. Jimmie H. Davis.

A native of Fullerton, Mrs. Parker received her bachelor's

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Message from the President

As we approach a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every alumnus of Northwestern for the genuine support and cooperation which I have received since becoming president.

Serving as president of our college is a great pleasure for me, and working with all of the friends of Northwestern is truly gratifying.

With your continued good wishes and with your help, we feel that Northwestern will move ever forward in educational excellence.

Please accept my sincere wishes for a blessed Christmas season of joy and peace and happiness.

May God bless you during the coming year with an abundance of health, joy and prosperity.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Arnold R. Kilpatrick
President

Services Are Conducted For Two Former Heads of College

Funeral services were held last month for two former Northwestern presidents, Joseph Edward Gibson, who died Nov. 13, and William White Tison, who died Nov. 30.

Gibson, who died at University Hospital in Jackson, Miss., at the age of 74, was president of Northwestern from July, 1947, until September, 1949.

White died at Baton Rouge General Hospital after several months illness. He served as Northwestern's president from 1929 until 1934.

During his tenure at Northwestern, Gibson spearheaded the construction of three buildings which are still in use—the Business Administration Building, Home Economics Building and Bullard Hall.

Gibson, who also served at one time as president of Gulf Park College was part owner of the Associated Consultants in Education. He was a former professor of education at Tulane University

and also worked in Tulane's admissions office.

Early in his career, Gibson was superintendent of schools for the city of McComb, Miss. A high school constructed there was named in his honor.

A native of Dry Prong, Tison had served as a teacher and administrator in the state's high schools, colleges and universities.

After leaving Northwestern, he served as a member of the Louisiana State University chemistry department. He also taught at Peabody College, Louisiana Tech and Tulane.

Professor emeritus at LSU, Tison continued to work with young people as a tutor following his retirement.

NSC Grad Now Coach

H. E. (Gene) LAFORGE, BA '64, MA '65, is now a coach in Houston, Texas, in the Aldine Independent School District. His wife is the former Billie Ann Penny, who also attended NSC.



Mrs. Mary Evelyn Parker



DR. EDWARD D. SCHUMACHER, BA '41, and Naomi Prothro Schumacher, BA '41, have joined the faculty at the new Louisiana State University Branch in Eunice. Dr. Schumacher is teaching history and serving as chairman of the Division for Social Sciences and Education. Mrs. Schumacher is teaching home economics and serving as Counselor to Women. Dr. Schumacher said to tell the Demons that he has an eight-month old grandson who can whip any Tech three-year old with one hand tied behind his back.



College Introduces Computerized Program in Scholarships, Grants

Northwestern's Financial Aid Office has introduced a new computerized scholarship-search service for freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Working in cooperation with the North American Educational Computer Services, Inc., Northwestern will have access to a computer which matches students' qualifications to more than 700,000 scholarships and grants.

Until the advent of the financial aid computer, there was no central source for information to scholarships and aid available throughout the nation.

Information on scholarships and grants totaling more than \$500 million has been programmed into the computer, which matches forms turned in by students requesting aid with the scholarships available.

Introduced at the National Education Association Convention this year, the computer contains information gathered from federal, state and local governments, foundations, corporations, civic, professional, social, charitable and religious organizations.

Jack Prough, Northwestern financial aid director, pointed out that last year some \$30 million in college scholarships went unclaimed because there were no applications.

After Northwestern students complete the computer forms for the available aid, the computer types out an individualized report to the student telling him of the sources of aid for which he appears to qualify and gives information on how to apply for the grants.



EDITH ELEANOR, 6, and William III, 4, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Plumb, Jr., BS, 1956. Bill is an engineering associate with the Western Electric Co., in Shreveport, and Mrs. Plumb is the former Loyce Todd, BS, 1956, of Natchitoches.

MRS. PARKER—

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degree from Northwestern State and a degree in social welfare from the Louisiana State University graduate school.

She served as a social worker, personnel administrator with the War Department, and editor of a weekly newspaper before being named to the Commerce and Industry post.

Mrs. Parker has served as Democratic national committee-woman, chairman of the women's division of the United Givers Fund, president of the Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare and as chairman of the Louisiana committee to the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Listed in Who's Who of American Women, she is a director and secretary of the Woman's Hos-

ALUMNI Here-N-There

Mr. and Mrs. JERRY JOHNSTON and their son, Rick, make their home in Bay Springs, Miss., where Jerry, BS '59, is employed by Northern Electric Co. Mrs. Johnston (Billie) will be remembered as the Homecoming Queen of 1958.

CLIFFORD LUCAS, Jr., BS '67, was accepted in the graduate school of mathematics at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., and began his studies during the summer session.

GLENN JOHNSON, BS '66, is employed as an electrical System Engineer by General Electric Corp. at Cape Kennedy's Space Flight Center.

A. L. "Petie" MOORE, BS '58, succeeds the late Fred V. Fairbanks as Esso wholesaler in Jonesville. Moore is married to the former PAT BARKER of Monroe, and they have a son, Mark, 7, and two daughters, Kelly, 5, and Leslie, 4.

IAN ANDERSEN, MA and MEd, '61, whose address is Jamma House, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, Nilgiris, would like to hear from anyone interested in exchanging data about Intelligence and Achievement Testing. He has done some work on it and has had some encouraging results. Andersen is a house master at the school in South India.

Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP WILCOX, both of the class of '57, attended the State Fair game between the Demons and the Tech Bulldogs on Oct. 21, and enjoyed visiting with college friends. The Wilcox family lives in Rochester, N. Y.

MILTON W. McCLANAHAN, BS '50, has been appointed distributor sales coordinator for Cities Service Oil Company, and will move to Tulsa, Okla., from Atlanta, Ga. McClanahan is married to the former "TOBY" WEAVER, BS '48, of Natchitoches.

For several years a mathematics teacher at Byrd High School, Miss NEVA IRENE NORSWORTHY is now an in-

pital in Baton Rouge, has served as a member of the Louisiana Commission on Aging, board member of the Louisiana Office Building Corp., member of the Louisiana Council on Governmental Reorganization and is active in numerous civic and religious organizations.



ALLEN SHAYNE Froust, 5, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Froust (Henry Jo White, BA, 1959) of Ferriday. Mrs. Froust teaches sixth grade at the Ferriday Junior High School.

structor in mathematics at the branch of Louisiana State University located at Shreveport. Miss Norsworthy, BS '47, earned two master's degrees — one in secondary education at the University of Arkansas, and one at LSU under a National Science Foundation fellowship.

LOOK WHO'S HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Berlitz announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Rebecca Ann, October 18, in Morgan City, weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs. Mr. Berlitz received his BS degree from NSC in 1965 and his wife (Sharon Steelman) received a BA degree in the same year. He is presently employed as a petroleum engineer for Schlumberger Well Services.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Coby, Lakenheath Air Force Base, England, announce the birth of a daughter, Maria Elizabeth, who weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 ozs. Mrs. Coby is the former Madeline Delk, BA '63.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freeman are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Jerold Brant, born August 7. His mother is the former Pat Walker, BS '63, and his father, BS '65, is presently working on a master's degree here at NSC.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edwin Dewees are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Whitney Claire, born Sept. 9. Mr. Dewees, BS '61, is presently employed at the Monroe Regional Mental Health Center.

National Honor Group Names 23

Twenty-three Northwestern students have been elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society for academic excellence.

Seniors, graduate students and second-semester juniors in any field of study are eligible for membership in the honor society.

Election to membership in Phi Kappa Phi signifies the high scholastic attainment and good character of the college students selected.

Seniors and second-semester juniors must have achieved an overall 3.3 grade average. Juniors must rank in the top five percent of their class, and seniors must rank in the top 12 percent of their class. Not more than 10 percent of the candidates for graduation may be elected.

Initiation ceremonies for the 23 students elected will be Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union building.

Elected from the Graduate School were Larry Arthur, Natchitoches; Lewis Cole, Hornbeck, and Alan Pinkus, Pineville.

School of Arts and Sciences—Nancy Cole, Oberlin; Stephen Gunn, Montgomery; Wayne Horn, Bossier City; Susan Michael, Alexandria; Robert Nida, Pineville.

School of Business—Dale Behan, Hornbeck; Linda Fae Johnson, Glenmora.

School of Education—Peggy Churchman, DeRidder; Karen Cuny, Winnsboro; Connie Foshee, Rita Kemp, Barbara Tauzin, Natchitoches; Carolyn Peyton, Castor; Louise Riehl, Ville Platte; Mary Stiles, Logansport; Linda Willis, Baton Rouge, and Sharon Wilson, Shreveport.

School of Nursing—Callie Miner, Bernice; Pamela Qualls, Jennings; Mary Sanders, Baton Rouge.

Bobby Waldren Awarded Top Honor by College

Bobby R. Waldron, director of the computing center at Northwestern State College, has been presented the William S. Connor Award of the Institute of Statistics at Texas A & M.

Waldron's selection as the outstanding doctoral candidate in statistics was announced by Dr. R. R. Hocking, professor of statistics at Texas A & M.

Given in honor of Dr. William S. Connor, former professor in the Institute of Statistics at Texas A & M, the award includes a plaque, subscriptions to professional journals and monetary consideration.



A GROUP OF alumni who were unable to get to Homecoming held a reunion of their own in Colorado Springs following the Army-Air Force Academy game on Nov. 4. The party was held in the home of Gen. and Mrs. Oris B. Johnson. On the front row, left to right: Mrs. Wright J. Sherrard, Mrs. Kent Buckingham, Mrs. Lewis Mercer Norris, Willie Marie Norris Wise, BS '41, Gene L'Herisson Dorsey, BS '41, Katherine Shaw Johnson, BS '42.

On the back row, left to right: Brig. Gen. Wright J. Sherrard, ex '40, Col. Kent Buckingham, ex '43, Lewis Mercer Norris, BS '40, Maj. Gen. Erbon Wise, BS '41, William Dorsey, Maj. Gen. Oris B. Johnson, BS '39.

Col. Buckingham is with the Atomic Energy Commission at Sandia Base, N. M. Gen. Sherrard is Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence for NORAD at Ent AFB, Colo. Gen. Johnson is Commanding General, Ninth Aerospace Defense Division, Ent AFB. Gen. Wise is Adjutant General of Louisiana, at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans. Both Mr. Norris and Mr. Dorsey are business men in Colorado Springs.

Twelve Seniors are Nominated for Mr. and Miss Northwestern Honors

Twelve Northwestern seniors have been nominated for the titles of Mr. and Miss NSC, the highest honors which can be awarded students at the college.

Mr. and Miss NSC will be selected during a campus-wide election.

Northwestern President Arnold R. Kilpatrick will announce the winners at the annual Christmas Assembly which begins the holidays. It is set for Dec. 18 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Six nominees will appear on the ballot for the Mr. NSC Award and six others for the title of Miss NSC.

Nominees were selected by campus organizations and dormitory residents.

Competing for the title of Mr. Northwestern are John R. Ramsey, Jr., Shreveport; mathematics major; David E. Butler, Alexandria electronics major; Danny Bob Turner, Shreveport physical education major; Dennis K. Newbury, Shreveport math and electronics major; Jere Daye, Shreveport government major, and Walter C. Pilcher, Alexandria music major.

Nominated for the Miss NSC title were Shirley Kay Dickie, Natchitoches physical education major; Norma Louise Foshee, Mansfield home economics major; Lynda Lee Lawrence, Alexandria social science major; Frances Toler, Crowley English major; Annette Wallace, Pineville primary education major,

and Sue Peterson, Norfolk, Va., primary education major.

Mr. and Miss Northwestern State College are chosen on the basis of service, leadership and character. Only seniors are eligible.

Graduate and Husband Back from Russia Trip

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Sellers of Lucedale, Miss., recently returned from a trip to the USSR sponsored by the American Press Magazine.

Mrs. Sellers, the former PAT PROSKOWETZ, received a BA degree in journalism from Northwestern in 1960. She assists her husband in editing the paper at Lucedale, the George County Times, and was a reporter on the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate prior to her marriage.

Highlights of the trip included interviews with the directors of TASS in Moscow and Leningrad and a tour through a printing plant in Kiev. The group toured the Russian and Ukrainian Republics of the Soviet Union.

They also visited Frankfurt, Heidelberg and Dusseldorf, Germany, where they toured the facilities of the Stars and Stripes. Enroute home they had a stopover in Vienna, Austria, where they visited another newspaper plant.

Chemistry Has New Equipment

Two new pieces of equipment have been installed in the Northwestern State College Department of Chemistry for use in research and instruction.

Dr. Alan Crosby, head of the department, said the college has just received a Beckman Model 979 Atomic Absorption System and a Beckman Model 772 Ratio Flourimeter.

Both instruments are used extensively in the undergraduate instruction program and have already been utilized for research by both students and faculty members.

Installed at a cost of more than \$6,000, the equipment serves as sensitive measuring devices. The atomic absorption system is used for teaching analytical chemistry.

Presently, the atomic system is being used in research on the browning of fruits and vegetables and on inorganic complex compounds. The biology, chemistry and geology departments have all found uses for the instrument.

Purchased with a federal grant, the ratio flourimeter is used for improving instruction in medical technology and dietetics courses. The instrument is being used in physiological chemistry courses.

The ratio flourimeter measures the fluorescence of chemical compounds and is used extensively in the medical profession.

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GUARD DOUG WATTS (left) and post man Peter Gray were elected captains of the 1967-68 Demon basketball team. Watts is a 5-10 sophomore from French Settlement and Gray a 6-2 junior from Marthaville.

High-Scoring Northwestern Cagers Fall Twice, Then Rout Spring Hill

Coach Tynes Hildebrand's 1967-68 basketball Demons, characterized by a run and shoot, fast-breaking style of play, opened the season with two losses and then rebounded for a victory in their third contest.

The go-go Demons traveled to Statesboro, Ga., for their lid-lifter against Georgia Southern and came out on the short end of a 102-95 score. In their second outing the Demons dropped a 120-108 decision to a powerful University of Southern Mississippi quintet.

Northwestern broke into the win column in fine style, racing past Spring Hill College 102-76 at Prather Coliseum, giving the Demons a 1-2 record after a week of the season.

NSC's pre-Christmas holidays schedule included games against Houston Baptist (Dec. 11), its first Gulf States Conference contest (Dec. 14) against Southeastern, Stephen F. Austin (Dec. 18) and Texas Lutheran (Dec. 20).

Although the Demons were defeated in the first game, they showed promise by overcoming a 17-point Georgia Southern lead in the second half only to lose in overtime. Junior forward James Wyatt led Northwestern with 27 points and 14 rebounds in that contest.

Southern Mississippi, one of the toughest opponents NSC will face all season, cashed in on several easy layups in their win over the Demons. Once again Wyatt was the Demons' big man, hitting for 26 points and retrieving 19 rebounds.

Against Spring Hill, Northwestern never led in the contest until Wyatt hit a field goal to open the second half to put the Demons up by one point 42-41.

From there NSC outscored the Badgers 26-6 to turn the game into a rout. Wyatt, Jim Pepper and Andy Marusak each hit 17 points to lead the scoring, with Peter Gray chipping in with 16.

Wyatt pulled down 24 rebounds to dominate the backboards.

After the Texas Lutheran contest, Northwestern hosts Centenary Dec. 30 and then dives headlong into the GSC wars, with conference battles with McNeese, Northeast, Louisiana Tech, Southwestern, Nicholls and Southeastern during the first month of 1968.

45 Named to Receive Football Monograms

Head Coach and Assistant Athletic Director Glenn Gossett named 45 members of Northwestern's 1967 football team to receive letters after the season completed last month.

The Demons finished with a 6-3 overall and 3-2 Gulf States Conference record. NSC tied for second place in the GSC race.

Six of the monogram winners closed out their careers at Northwestern with four letters to their credit. Tackles Mike Creel, Phillips Creel and Jimm Woods, middle guard Gerald Malley, center Melvin Johnston, and end Benny Richard were NSC's four-year lettermen.

Another half-dozen seniors concluded their eligibility last season—tackles Bob Foster and David Dawson, guard Bill Stevens, quarterback Malcolm Lewis, end David Lovich, and safety Sammy Clifton.

Northwestern's lettermen include Paul Alenzo, David Arnold,

Demons Finish Grid Season with 6-3 Mark; Tie for Second in Conference

Northwestern won one of its last two football games and finished the season with a 6-3 overall and 3-2 Gulf States Conference record, good enough for a second place tie in the league race.

Coach Glenn Gossett's Demons kept their title chances alive Nov. 11 with an impressive victory over Southwestern at Lafayette, 24-9, but lost a chance to tie for the championship by falling to Southeastern a week later, 26-14, at Hammond.

Against the Cajuns, halfback Vic Nyvall and quarterback Donald Guidry turned in their finest performances of the season. Nyvall rushed for 139 yards, including one 75-yard dash to paydirt,

and caught a touchdown pass from Guidry, who hit on 12 of 19 throws for 168 yards.

Guidry also fired a scoring strike to split end Steve Gaspard.

Meanwhile, the Demon defense almost completely stymied USL's attack and shut out the Bulldogs in the second half.

The Demons ran into SLC's record breaking quarterback Dan Brewer in their season finale and the Lion sharpshooter proved too much for NSC. Brewer figured in all four Lion touchdowns, scoring three himself and passing for another.

Northwestern's TDs came on a one-yard sneak by Guidry and the other on a 13-yard run by halfback Gil Gilson. NSC had a 14-0 lead at that point, but Southeastern cut that to 14-7 at the half and dominated the final 30 minutes for the victory.

Despite the late-season letdown, the Demons had a fine year, and placed three players on the coaches' All-GSC team. Nyvall, offensive tackle David Dawson and middle guard Gerald Malley made the first unit on the dream team.

Demon Gymnastics Team Opens Slate on Jan. 5

Northwestern's defending AAU and NAIA champion gymnastic team opens competition on Jan. 5, according to the schedule released by new coach Armando Vega.

Vega replaced Fred Martinez as the Demon gymnastics coach beginning this year.

The Demons will open their season with LSU of New Orleans at the Crescent City.

NSC has another fine team this year, headed by such standouts as All-American Richard Loyd, John Ellas, Bob Carrerio and Richard Salas.

Northwestern's gymnastics schedule: Jan. 5, at LSU-New Orleans; Jan. 26, Southern Illinois, at Belleville, Ill.; Feb. 1, Indiana U., Arizona State triangular at Terre Haute, Ind.; Feb. 9, at LSU; Feb. 17, Mid-South at Natchitoches; March 9, Monroe Invitational at Monroe; March 21-23, NAIA championships, at Hays, Kan.; April 4-6, NCAA championships, at Ft. Collins, Colo.; April 11-13, AAU championships, at Long Beach, Calif.

Ronnie Bagley, John Boogaerts, Danny Bogue, Maxie Branch, Randy Brodnax, Kenny Callens, David Centanni, Clifton, Dick Concilio, Mike Creel, Phillip Creel, Dawson, Shelley Dickie, Don Durham, Walter Edler, Kenny Ferro, Foster, Barry Fresh, Steve Gaspard, Benton Gibson, Russ Gielow, Gil Gilson, George Green, Donald Guidry, Johnston, David Keck, Lester Latino, Lewis, Lovich Malley, Don Mayfield, Mace Morris, Jerry Mott, Vic Nyvall, Al Phillips, Richard, Leonard Richardson, David Smith, Stevens, Randy Tate, Tommy Wallis, Ronnie Whatley and Woods.

Prather Coliseum Gets New Theater-Type Seats

Installation of the new multi-colored, theater-type seats in Northwestern's Prather Coliseum was completed recently.

The new seats, which offer Demon fans the utmost in comfort for basketball and any events held in the coliseum, are similar to those in Houston's Astrodome.

Demon Stadium was equipped with the seats during the football season, giving Northwestern modern fan facilities for all athletic events.



Richard Loyd
NSC's All-American Gymnast

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